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Homicide Investigation

BROCKTON, MA- Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Brockton Police Chief William Conlon today announced that at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2011, police received an anonymous call reporting a body in a dumpster behind 427 Warren Ave in Brockton.

Uniformed officers arrived and found what appeared to be the body of a young woman located inside the dumpster. The victim has been identified as Maria Avelina Palaguachi-Cela (DOB: 11-5-85). Also found in the dumpster was the body of her toddler son, Brian Palaguachi (DOB 3/17/08).

The victims were both transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston where autopsies will be performed later today.

At this point the case remains under investigation by the State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police Detectives. The State Police Crime Scene Services also assisted in processing the scene for potential evidence. Information at this point indicates that the victim was last seen on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at her residence in 427 Warren Ave in Brockton

Investigators are urging anyone with information to contact them at (508) 941-0234.

No further information is being released at this time.

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